

District 67 Board of Education meeting  
Notes for Sheridan School APT

April 22, 2008

Complete meeting minutes are mailed home with the district newsletter. The following are items from the meeting which may be of interest to Sheridan parents in particular.

If you have anything that needs to be communicated to the School Board, please contact Andrea Lemke at 847-457-3219 or [andreamlemke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andreamlemke@sbcglobal.net). I am a liason between the Sheridan APT and the BOE.

Items from the Superintendent's Report:

There was a report by students and principals from DPM in which they told of various community service projects completed at their school this year. The projects included raising funds or contributing time or materials to the Association House, PADS, Infant Welfare, and the Ghana Fishing Project, just to name some.

District 67 has now achieved the AAA financial rating by Standard and Poor's.

Rick Salzar gave an update from the Underage Drinking Council. This is a task force of people in the schools and in the community that is now about 100 people strong. They are addressing the issue of underage drinking that is prevalent in our community. Please go to [www.speakupflb.com](http://www.speakupflb.com) to add your feedback and/or to contribute to this effort or just to read what has been happening so far. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Youth Press Conference sponsored by CROYA, SADD, and FOCUS.

Board Committee Reports:

1. Large issues discussed by the Board Education Committee were data warehousing, the student assistance program, social and emotional wellness and bullying, and board goals. The next meeting of the Education Committee will be May 12. (Chris Rossman)
2. The next meeting of the Board Operations Committee is May 20. (Julia Wold)
3. The Board Finance Committee discussed the following at their most recent meeting:
  - 2008- 2009 student fees
  - 403B regulations
  - levy extension
  - West Campus agreement update
  - Community of Learners lease at West Campus
  - Workers' compensation policy renewal
  - Siemens performance contract renewalThe next Finance Committee meeting is May 8. (Mark Mitter)
4. The Board Shared Services Committee discussed the following at their most recent meeting:
  - The tri-district report on substance abuse issues
  - Tri-district data warehousing (50% paid by District 115)
  - The focus of Shared Services is shifting from cost-savings to education.
  - Math placement
  - NSSSED

Liability workshop for the Board  
Board orientation manual

The next meeting for the Shared Service Committee is May 8. (David Harris)

District Committee Reports

1. NSSED (Chris Rossman)  
Next meeting is May 12. The discussion at the last meeting was about space and facilities.
2. ED-RED (Julia Wold)  
There are bills in progress at the state legislature about leave and sick days for non-certified staff and about the number of years of service an experienced teacher would need before being granted tenure.
3. Professional Development (Rick Salzar)  
No report this month.
4. Curriculum Coordinating Committee (Laurie Rose)  
Process and policy issues were discussed at the last meeting. She will have more to share after the next meeting which is scheduled for May 1.
5. Spirit of 67 (Sally McDonald)  
The grant process has been completed. \$275,000 in grants were awarded. The grants reception at the Lake Forest Club will be on Wednesday, May 14.  
The vehicle sticker program is underway. May 1 is the Home Tour. June 18 is the donor appreciation night at the White Sox game.  
May 6 is the next meeting.

Reports:

Julie Cooley and Joe Malin and John Stewart gave a report on the Bullying Initiative. If you would like more details on this, feel free to email or call me (see top of this report for contact information).

Districts 65, 67, and 115 are going to share the cost of purchasing a data warehousing product called INFORM. It is a Pearson product, and will interact with Power School, which is also by Pearson and is now used in 67 and 115.

We will be hiring a Student Assistance Program (SAP) Coordinator who will work with grades 5 – 12 in districts 65, 67, and 115. The elementary districts will pay 25% each and the high school will pay 50% of this person's salary.

Chinese-Mandarin Initiative update: Harry shared a PowerPoint of his most recent trip to China which included board member Mark Mitter. On this trip, in addition to visiting the schools, he hired two teachers, Jessica Wang (who will work at DPM) and Jun Wang (who will work at LFHS). They will join Athena Sawyer, who currently teaches the Brainstormers Mandarin program, as Lake Forest's Mandarin teachers. We will be needing families to host 15 students for 2 weeks as the exchange program gets started in 2009. **There will be parent meetings on May 14 from 1:30 – 3 and on May 22 from 1:00 – 2:30 to welcome these teachers.**

There are now 53 students in grades 4 – 8 (and that makes 70 students in grades 4 – 12) who will be taking Mandarin in the fall of 2008.

Recommendations:

Audit Report was accepted.

Amended School Calendar was accepted.

First Student Bus Contract was extended.

Siemens Performance Contract was approved.

Asbestos Bid

Workers Comp Policy Renewal

Building Use Agreements between District 67 and District 115